rent marketing season till July, 1984 was 8.64 lakh tonnes.

(c) The Food Corporation of India has reported that it has not received any such request.

(d) Does not arise.

Extension to officers of railway board

393. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to grant extension of service to the Chairman and some Members of the Railway Board; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b). In the context of the superannuation of some of the Members of the Railway Board proposals are on hand to fill up these posts.

Production of adulterated scented tobacco (zarda)

394. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of firms manufacturing scented tobacco (zarda) in the country at present and the names of those, out of them, whose product has been found to be adulterated during the last three years;

(b) whether all scented tobacco manufacturing firms have not proper licences for those chemicals which they are mixing with tobacco; and

(c) whether instances where the quantity of tobacco was found to be less than what was marked on the packages by the said firms, have come to notice of Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMIL WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN. M. JOSHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Dearness Allowance to retired Railway employees

395. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned dearness allowance only to those retired Railway employees who had opted for pension instead of provident fund;

(b) whether Government propose to extend this benefit to those retired Railway employees also who had opted for provident fund instead of pension, as they are equally hard hit by inflation and get no relief; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to give such relief, and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के चिकित्सकों को प्रैक्टिस-निषेध भत्ता

396. **श्री राम पूजन पटेल** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अन्तर्गत कार्यरत चिकित्सकों को प्रैक्टिस-निषेध भत्ता दिया जाता है, यदि हां, तो उन्हें कितना भत्ता प्रदान किया जाता है ; और

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अन्तर्गत ही कार्य करने वाले औषधि विक्रेताओं तथा अन्य कर्मचारियों को जो